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## CHILDE HASSAM

**C**HILDE HASSAM'S heritage, his Puritan ancestry, with the downright qualities that such ancestry engenders, has had much to do in shaping his career. He was born in Boston in 1859, with an American ancestry dating back to 1631, when his forbears settled in Dorchester. This is indeed a sturdy background, for the force that was needful in Puritan conviction can be transposed very easily into artistic effort. And as one will find that from Whistler's forbears in Lowell a great artistic force found something to lean upon, so these ancestors of Childe Hassam have given him that intangible something, that very personal individual force, that stamps things indelibly.

Bred into his art is this vigorous quality, this New England thoroughness. And how essentially American his work is! He has absorbed the European influence of his younger days and stands alone profoundly American. This "national integrity" is without doubt the great need of American art to-day. This quality in the case of Hassam seems his birthright, for he is a Puritan.

The masculine quality in Hassam's work is to be observed. One is conscious that the work is the outcome of vigor that is not afraid to confront the elements. The connection between the picture and subject seems most direct. They are not so-called studio pictures. He paints in the open. So many of his pictures have taken great physical effort to execute, yet one never finds signs of

drugery. He loses the signs of labor in the joyful brushwork in which he is unequalled. These are qualities of the master.

He has a way of taking his own where he finds it, and thus he leaves the stamp of his personality on localities where he has worked. Take Gloucester for example. Before I had seen Hassam's pictures, it seemed a fishy little city, now as I pass through it I feel Hassam. The schooners beating in and out, the wharves, the sea, the sky, these belong to Hassam. Just as one cannot go to Venice and be very far from Whistler. There are many other spots that he has made his own: but one of these in great contrast to Gloucester is Fifth Avenue. This street he has done at various times, and over a long period. Back in the days when hansom cabs and victorias were in evidence, then with the automobile, precisely mechanical, traffic congested, and with racial crowds of the clothing shops. The most daring effort was to paint the Flags. No one had ever painted flags before, so now when one thinks of flags one thinks of Hassam's flag pictures. These pictures were not garish affairs but were filled with the poetry of patriotism. He made the Flags symbols of his heritage. Only a Puritan could have painted flags as he did.

There are many other fields that he has invaded and made his. Flowers in gardens, flowers in still life, flowers as accessories to portraits. These are painted with great tenderness, great restraint of color yet very colorfully, always part of the picture, never jumping out in forced contrast. Interiors are his,—interiors that are renderings of space with a magic play of light, the light that instinctively seems to be the heritage of Hassam. From a cool room through a Dutch door is a light, warm, out-of-doors



—with all the characteristics held in restraint. One feels the joy that must have been his in these fine performances.

Then there are doorways of the days of long ago. Colonial doorways of rare proportion, and these are choicely done quite as skillfully as the other pictures, for Hassam is no specialist. Village streets with hot sun and cool shadow, elms that are elms with slow-moving wind-swayed tops. You feel the street, and you feel the elms, you feel the quality of the objects portrayed.

Hassam feels very keenly what he does. The approach is never languid—there is a sharp decision made in his mind at each stroke of the brush. This tends to carry his impression home very forcibly, and gives the passages that crisp fresh living quality.

His etching interests me deeply, for I know how difficult the mastery of this great art is, especially to the artist whose habit has been in the field of color. It requires linear perception and an utter absence of fear towards the medium which is really formidable. for the uncompromising copper and steel point are not very sympathetic. What Hassam has done in etching is very remarkable. In less than a decade he has become an etcher. His etchings are as individual as are his paintings.

He had things to express and he expressed them in his own manner, without fear of his medium. Etching is a test of an artist's ability for in this precise method his weaknesses are revealed. Hassam took the most difficult course. He drew the plates cleanly letting each line remain to tell its story. He then printed the plates as few etchers dare to print, namely, with a clean wipe. This method reveals all to the experienced collector of prints. Nothing is hidden by false surface ink.

Hassam's lithographs are another triumph. Not heavy



crudities with impossible black smudges as are so many efforts of our modern lithographers: but light crisp renderings of fearless decision. Whistler was right. A lithograph should be "blonde."

The real Hassam will never be found in written eulogy—but in his pictures. Go to them, observe them carefully and then you will find what cannot be described, that intangible something, the charm of the true artist. Hassam is a Puritan and he paints American pictures—and furthermore Hassam is himself.

ERNEST HASKELL.



*The sixty-four paintings herein reproduced illustrate  
the varied characteristics of this artist's work.*





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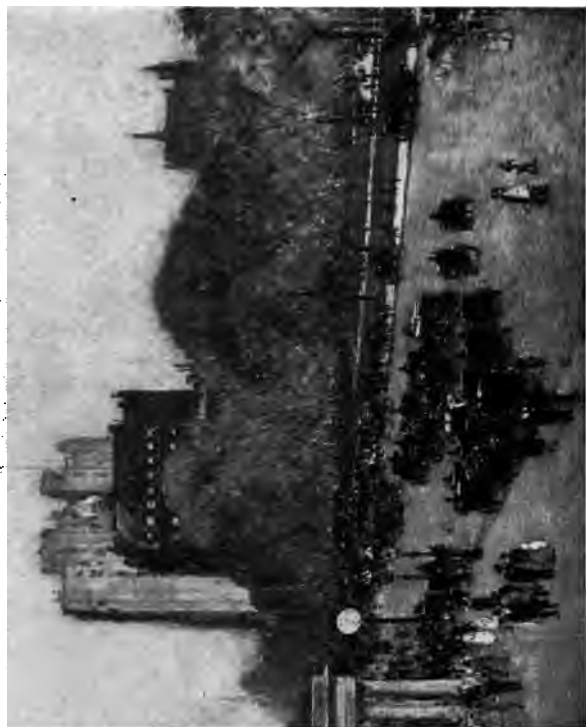
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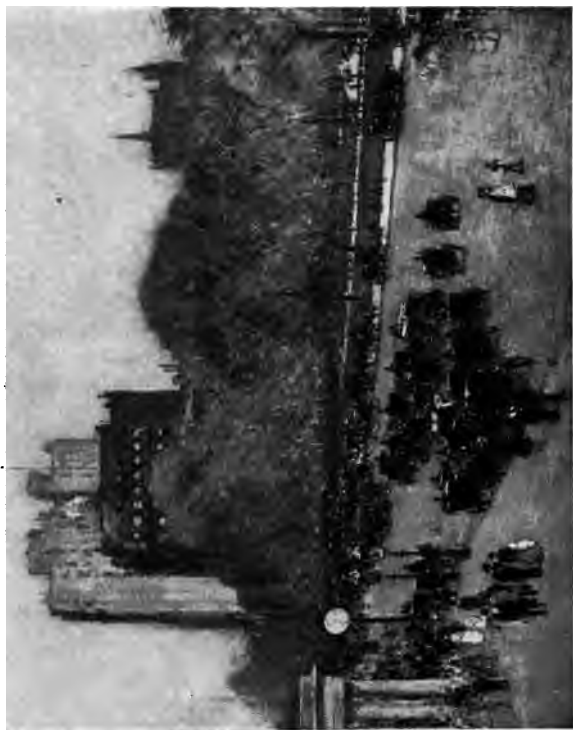
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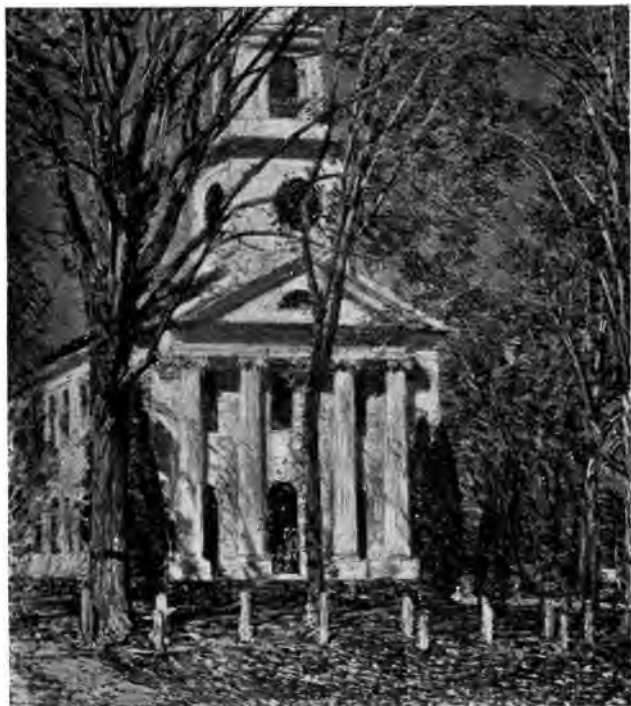
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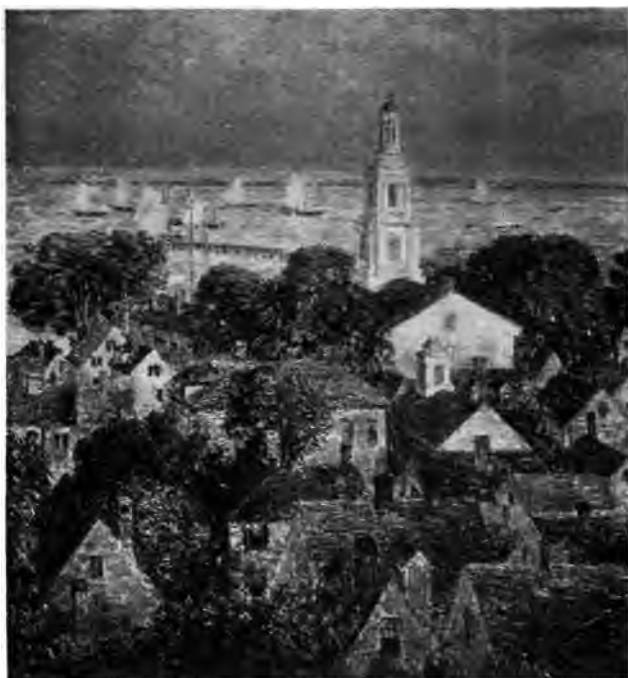
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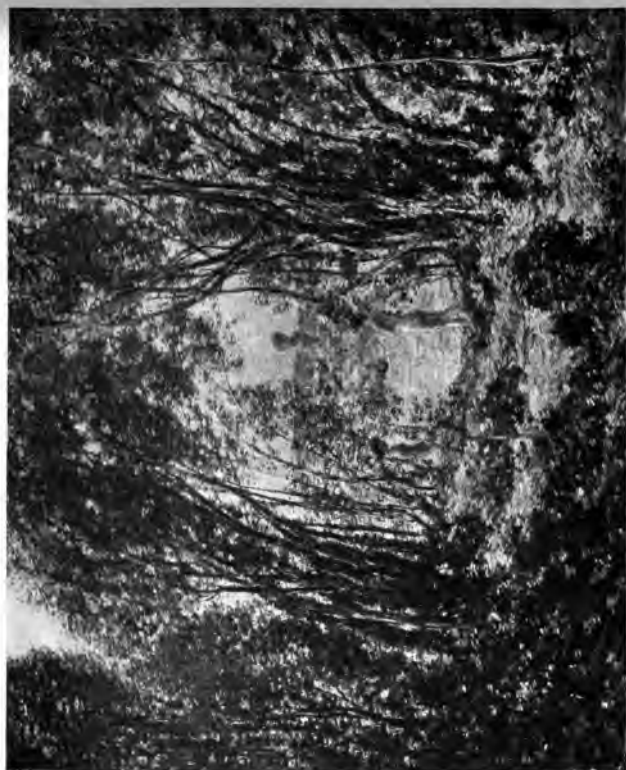


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CHILDE HASSAM, 130 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y.  
Painter and Etcher, born in Dorchester, now part of the  
City of Boston, October 17, 1859.  
Studied in Boston and Paris.

## MEMBER OF

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, New York—*Associate*, 1902  
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AMERICAN WATER COLOR SOCIETY, New York  
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MUNICH SECESSIONISTS—*Corresponding Member*  
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND LETTERS, 1907  
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## AWARDS

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Bronze Medal, Paris Exposition, 1889.  
Gold Medal, Munich, 1892.  
Medal, Philadelphia Art Club, 1892.  
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Prize, Cleveland Art Society, 1893.  
Webb Prize, Society of American Artists, 1895.  
Prize, Boston Art Club, 1896.  
Second Class Medal, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg, 1898.  
Temple Gold Medal, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 1899.  
Silver Medal, Paris Exposition, 1900.  
Gold Medal, Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, 1901.  
Gold Medal, St. Louis Exposition, 1904.  
Clarke Prize, National Academy of Design, 1905.  
Third Class Medal, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg, 1905.  
Lippincott Prize, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 1906.  
Carnegie Prize, Society of American Artists, 1906.  
Third Prize, Worcester, 1906.  
Sesnan Gold Medal, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 1910.  
Third W. A. Clark Prize, Corcoran Art Gallery, 1910.

Evans Prize, American Water Color Society, 1912.  
 First W. A. Clark Prize (\$2,000), and Corcoran Gold Medal,  
 Washington, 1912.  
 Altman Prize (\$500), National Academy of Design, 1918.  
 Hudnut Prize, American Water Color Society, 1919.  
 Philadelphia Water Color Prize, 1919.  
 Altman Prize (\$500), National Academy of Design, 1922.  
 The Gold Medal of Honor, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts,  
 1920. This medal is awarded on an artist's achievement in  
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 Gold Medal Art Club of Philadelphia, 1924.

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